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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
ROBERT BUCKINGHAM et al. : Examiner Carolyn A. Paden
Serial No.: 09/782,314 : Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: February 14, 2001 :
For: METHOD OF PROCESSING :
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 1, 2003, the time for response to which is set to expire on Monday, April 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2 and 18 to read as follows:

- B' C' 2. (Twice Amended) A method of processing roasted coffee to improve the retention of carbon dioxide and aromatics liberated from the roasted coffee, the method comprising the steps of:
- (i) preparing one or more containers for receiving coffee therein;
 - (ii) purging said containers of contained air through flushing said containers with an inert gas;